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SUBJ: SENATOR INAN CALLS FOR RENEWAL OF JUSTICE PARTY

REF: IZMIR 132

1. BITLIS SENATOR KAMRAN INAN DECLARED IN AN EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW WITH YENI ASIR THAT THE JUSTICE PARTY (JP) MUST RENEW AND REORGANIZE ITSELF IN ORDER TO REGAIN THE CONFIDENCE OF THE NATION. BAD ADMINISTRATION BY THE REPUBLICAN PEOPLES PARTY IS AN INSUFFICENT BASIS FOR THE RESURGENCE OF THE JP. THE VOICE FOR RENEWAL, HE ASSERTED, WILL COME FROM THE AEGEAN REGION (JP) WHICH IS NOW ACTIVELY TRYING TO STRENGTHEN THE PARTY. WITHOUT DECLARING HIS CANDIDACY FOR THE JP PRESIDENCY AT THE NEXT NATIONAL CONGRESS OF DIRECTLY CHALLENGING DEMIREL'S LEADERSHIP, INAN NOTED THAT THE JP HAD NOT ONLY LOST TWO CONSECUTIVE ELECTIONS (1973 AND 1977), LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HAD ITS TWO MOST RECENT GOVERNMENTS DISSOLVED AND BEEN DIVIDED TWICE BUT ALSO IN OPPOSITION IS FAILING AT A TIME WHEN POLITICAL VIOLENCE IS BECOMING UNCONTROLLABLE AND ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL PROBLEMS ARE ON THE VERGE OF EXPLODING. INAN IN CALLING FOR THE EMERGENCE OF A RENEWED JP AT ITS NEXT NATIONAL CONVENTION, DENIED HE WAS SPEAKING OUT TO FURTHER HIMSELF BUT RATHER TO PUT THE JP BACK IN POWER.

2. COMMENT: INAN'S RECENT REMARKS SEEM DESIGNED TO ALIGN HIM WITH THOSE IN THE IZMIR JP WHO AT A RECENT MEETING IN SIFNE CALLED FOR A STRENGTHENING OF THE PARTY BY BROADENING ITS BASE AND APPEAL (SEE REFTEL). LOCAL JP INTEREST IN INAN AS A STANDARD BEARER IS LIKELY TO BE SMALL, HOWEVER, DUE TO INAN'S KNOWN LIABILITIES. MOFFETT

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